

Letter to *The Yated*

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To the Editor:

Agudath Israel of America is to be commended for highlighting some creative and dedicated activists who are devoting themselves to helping solve the "Shidduch Crisis". At the Thursday afternoon session, I was particularly gratified to see Mr. Jeff Cohn's presentation about **ShidduchVision**, a new approach which uses cutting edge technology, *Al Taharas HaKodesh*, to help bring together singles who live in distant locations.

As someone who grew up "out of town", and who, b"H, married off our last two daughters while living in Los Angeles, I know first hand the heart-wrenching choices some people have to face when trying to expand the pool of choices for their children in *shidduchim*.

By employing state of the art video-conferencing equipment in a private, *tzniusdik* fashion, under the guidance of our *Gedolim*, **ShidduchVision** should go a long way toward easing the difficulties inherent in long distance *shidduchim*.

Now it is up to all of us to get more involved in *redding* more *shidduchim*, whether we are *Shadchanim* full-time, part-time or even "just this one time". No excuses, this problem will not be solved by any one solution, and it certainly cannot be solved by relying upon professional *Shadchanim* alone. Every approach suggested at that session needs to be utilized, and every one of us needs to become part of the solution. Kudos to Mr. Cohn and the other panelists for coming up with practical, *bekovedik*, ways to help each of us do our duty to help our singles find their *zivugim*, so that their future families can join the family of Klall Yisrael.

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